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1. BECAUSE OF THE HIGH INTEREST AND THE SUCCINCT ANALYSIS OF THE JAMAICAN POLITICAL SCENE, THE EMBASSY IS TRANSMITTING THE TEXT OF A COLUMN ENTITLED," THE AMERICAN ALLIANCE", BY WILMOT PERKINS CARRIED IN THE DAILY GLEANER OF NOVEMBER 4,

2. BEGIN TEXT.
-MY INSTRUCTIONS, WERE I THE LEADER OF JAMAICA'S COMMUNISTS WOULD BE FOR THE GUNS TO BE WELL OILED AND CAREFULLY PUT AWAY. THE MOVEMENT HAS SUFFERED A STUNNING REVERSE IN THE DEAFEAT OF MICHAEL MANLEY, BUT A REVERSE NOT NECESSARILY PERMANENT. ITS BEST OPTION NOW IS A TACTICIAL RETREAT, TAKING TIME TO REGROUP AND REFIT ITS FORCES, CAREFULLY ASSESS THE STRATEGIC IMPERATIVES AND PREPARE ITS COUNTER OFFENSIGE AGAINST THE ARRIVAL OF THE OPPORTUNE MOMENT.
- THERES IS NO GUERRILA MOVEMET IN HISTORY THAT HAS EVER SUCCEEDED IN THE ABSENCE OF MASSIVE POPULAR SUPPORT THAT IS NOT, AT THE THE MOMENT, AVAILABLE TO THE COMMUNISTS. AND THEY ARE, I AM SURE ABOUT TO LOSE THAT COMAND OF THE PUBLIC MEDIA AND OF PUBLIC FUNDS WHICH GAVE THEM THEIR BEST CHANNELS OF PUBLICITY AND PROPAGANDA.
- I AM TOLD THAT THE YOUNG HOT HEADS AT THE JBC (JAMAICAC BROADCASTING COMPNAY) IN A MEETING OVER THE WEEKEND, DECLARED THEIR UNDYING ALLEGIANCE TO THE PROGRESSIVE" CAUSE AND THEIR CONTINING DETERMINATION TO USE THEIR MEDIUM IN ITS SERVICE AND AGAINST THE PRESENT "REEACTIONARY" GOVERNMENT. JBC TELEVISION NEWS RETAINS ITS DECIDELY ANTI JLP (JAMAICAN LABOUR PARTY) CANT
-CRETINOUS THAT KIND OF BEHAVIOUR IS CRETINOUS.
MR MEEKS IS INVITING A DENOLITION THAT HE WOULD THEN MISGUDIELY CALLMARTYRDOM: WANTING TO BE ABLE TO CLAIM WHEN HE IS FIRED. AS HE DESERVES TO BE, THAT IT IS A MATTER OF POLITICAL VICTIMIZATION AND THE SUPPRESSION BY "FASCIST REACTIONARIES " OF MEDIA FREEDOM.
- ON THE CONTRARY, THERE IS RIGHT NOW A POWERFUL CASE FOR SUMMARILY SWEEPING THE LOT OF THEM OUR OF THE JBC ON THE GROUND THAT THEY HAVE BETRAYED AND INDEED ABUSED A PUBLIC TRUST IN THEIR BLATANT USE OF PUBLIC RESOURCES FOR PRIVATE AND PARTISAN ENDS. VINDICTIVENESS IS ONE THING, ACCEPTING OR CONDONING ABYSMAL STANDARDS OF PUBLIC CONDICT ANOTHER ENTIRELY.
- THE ARGUMENT IS ALSO PERSUASIVE THAT FOR A PUBLIC COFRORATION SPENDING PUBLIC FUNDS THE LOW CREDIBILITY AND PUBLIC ESTEEM OF THE JBC, EVEN AMONG SUPPORTERS OF TH PEOPLE'S NATIONAL PARTY, IS A DISGRACE WHICH CANNOT BE ALLOWED TO CONTINUE, AND THAT IT CANNOT POSSIBLY BE RECTIFIED AS LONG AS THOSE WHO PERMITTED AND ENCOURAGED IT ARE ALLOWED TO REMAIN AT THEIR POSTS.
-MR SEAGA WOULD HAVE NO RIGHT TO SUPPRESS THE PUBLIC-

TION OF STRUGGLE (THE ORGAN OF THE WORKERS PARTY OF JAMAICA (BUT HE CAN HARDLY HOPE TO RETAIN PUBLIC
RESPECT IF HE CONTINUES TO ACCEPT MEEKLY THE OPEN AND CORRUPT DEFIANCE AT THE JBC NOT BECAUSE IT IS DEFINAT BUT BECAUSE IT IS CORRUPT.
- POPULAR SUPPORT. THE DIE HARD REVOLUTIONARIES SHOULD UNDERSTAND THAT THEY CANNOT HOPE TO WIN A CONFRONTATION WITH THE SEAGA GOVERNMENT NOW OR IN THE IMMEDIATE FUTURE. THE GOVERNMENT HA OVERWHELMING POPULAR AND INSTITUTIONAL SUPPORT. ANY TEMPTATION TO PURSUE A POLICY OF DISRUPTION AND VIOLENT URBAN GUERRILLA TACTICS SHOULD BE FROM THE PERSPECTIVE OF THEIR OWN INTERESTS. STEADFASTLY RESISTED -THE COUNTRY IS TIRED OF VIOLENCE, THE PEOPLE WANT PEACE THE POLICE AND THE ARMY, NOT JUST LOYAL BUT ENTHUSIASTICALLY LOYAL TO THE NEW GOVERNMENT AND SUFFERING SUCH THING. THE COMMUNISTS SHOULD NOT ALLOW THEM SELVES TO BE MISGUAIDE BY THE SECURITY FORCES. INABILITY TO DO THAT UNDER THE PREVIOUS ADMINISTRATION. THE EQUATIONS HAVE CHANGED. MR SEAGA HAS EVERY INTEREST IN BACKING THEM TO THE HILT. AND THE PUBLIC JLP AND PNP ALIKE EVERY INTEREST IN BACKING MR SEAGA IN ANY NECESSARY STEP TO RESTORE ORDER.

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- OR. DUNCAN AND HIS FRIENDS THEREFORE HAVE NO ALTERNATIVE TO ACCEPTING "THIS BOURGEOIS DEMOCRATIC STAGE." THE OBJECTIVE CONDITIONS DO NOT YET FAVOUR THE MOVE TO WHAT HE CALLS THE NEXT STAGE, THE STAGE OF "REVOLUTIONARY POLITICS". THEY SHOULD RE-READ THEIR MARX. MARX SAID: "NO SOCIAL ORDER EVER DISAPPEARS UNTIL ALL THE PRODUCTIVE POWERS FOR WHICH THERE IS ROOM WITHIN IT HAVE BEEN DEVELOPED; AND NEW, AND HIGHER RELATIOSN OF PRODUCTION NEVER MAKE THEIR APPEARANCE UNTIL THE MATERIAL CONDITIONS OF THEIR EXISTENCE HAVE BEEN DEVELOPED IN THE WOMB OF THE OLD SOCIETY."

-FROM WHICH WE MIGHT, I THINK WITH PERMISSIBLE BOLDNESS, ADDUCE THE POLITICAL ANALOGY THAT GOVERNMENTS DO NOT COLLAPSE AS LONG AS THEY REMAIN THE FOCUS OF WIDESPREAD HOPE AMONG THE PEOPLE THEY GOVERN. MR. SEAGA'S GOVERNMENT IS NOT ABOUT TO COLLAPSE, WHATEVERN DR. DUNCAN AND HIS FRIENDS DO. BUT IT WOULD BE A FAR DIFFERENT MATTER SHOULD THE HOPES NOW PINNED UPON IT BE DASHED.

- THE GOVERNMENT FACES A FORMIDABLE CHALLENGE. IT HAS TAKEN OVER A LITERALLY BANKRUPT, WAR-RAVAGED COUNTRY WHOSE TREASURY IS EXHUSTED; ITS DEBT STUPENDOUS; ITS CREDIT SQUANDERED; ITS CAPITAL RUN DOWN; ITS SKILLS PAINFULLY ACCUMULATED OVER LONG YEAR, HEMORRHAGED AWAY; AS MUCH AS FORTY PERCENT OF ITS WORKFORCE UNEMPLOYED; ITS SOCIAL SERVICES, MUCH TALKED ABOUT BY THE RECENT GOVERNMENT, IN RUINS; A CASE, IN SHORT OF RAGING ENTROPHY, REMINISCENT OF NOTHING SO MUCH AS WAR-RAVAGED GERMANY AS IT WA LEFT BY ADOLF HITLER.

- IN THE FACE OF THIS CHALLENGE THE GOVERNMENT, TO REMAIN VIABLE, MUST PRESERVE HOPE. IT MUST DEMONSTRATE THAT IT HAS A FIRM HOLD OF THE LEVERS, WHICH THE MANLEY GOVERNMENT WAS NEVER ABLE TO FIND, BY WHICH TO STOP THE DOWNWARD SLIDE AND REVERSE IT; AND THAT IT IS MOVING THEM IN THE RIGHT DIRECTION. IF IT CANNOT DO THAT, AND DO TI QUICKLY, HOPE WILL RAPIDLY GIVE WAY TO DESPAIR; AND THE COMMUNISTS WILL HAVE THEIR CHANCE. FIDEL CASTRO, I AM SURE, HAS NOT GIVEN UP. JAMAICA IS TOO OBVIOUS AND VALUABLE A TARGET OF CUBAN HEGEMONY IN THE CARIBBEAN; AND THE THERO OF THE MONTCADA KNOWS THE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN A TACTICAL REVERSE AND STRATEGIC COLLAPSE.

- LEFT ENTIRELY TO ITS OWN DEVICES, AND TO SUCH RESOURCES AS ARE AVAILABLE WITHIN JAMAICA, THE CHANCES OF THE SEAGA GOVERNMENT MUST BE RATED NO BETTER THAN KONRAD ADENAUER'S WOULC HAVE BEEN HAD THE FEDEAL REPUBLIC BEEN ABANDONED AFTER THE SECOND WORLD WAR.

- PERSPECTIVE. THE MENTION OF FIDEL CASTRO AND HIS INTEREST IN JAMAICA PLACES THE PROBLEM WITHIN A CARIBBEAN AND A WORLD PERSPECTIVE. THE RUSSIANS HAVE ADMITTED THAT THE DEFEAT OF MICHAEL MANLEY HAS MEANT TO THEM THE LOSS OF A VALUABLE ALLY IN THE CARIBBEAN; AND THEY MIGHT HAVE ADDED, THE COMMONWEALTH AND THE THIRD WORLD. THE VICTORY OF MR. SEAGA CONVERSELY PRESENTS TO THE UNITED STATES AND OTHER WESTERN NATIONS, BUT ESPECIALLY THE FORMER, THE OPPORTUNITY TO RECONSTRUCT AN ALLIANCE OF NO LITTLE POTENTIAL VALUE TO THEMSELVES IN THE PRESENT TURBULENCE OF CARIBBEAN AND INTERNATIONAL POLITICS.

- IT OFFERS MORE THAN THAT. IT OFFERS THE POSSIBILITY TO DEMONSTRATE ONCE MORE, AND CONVINCINGLY, THAT THE PROBLEM OF THIRD WORLD POVERTY IS NOT A MATTER EITHER OF IMPERIALISM OR OF THE WORLD ECONOMIC ORDER, BUT RATHER ONE OF THEIRD WORLD MANAGEMENT AND ENTERPRISE. IT OFFERS, MOREOVER, THE OPPORTUNITY FOR A DEMONSTRATION BY A GOVERNMENT OF UNPECCABLE DEMOCRATIC CREDENTIALS, THAT ECONMIC DEVELOPMENT AND SOCIAL PROGRESS ARE BY NO MEANS INCOMPATIBLE WITH POLITICAL FREEDOM, THE MARKET ECONOMY, AND FRIENDSHIP WITH THE U.S. AND OTHER WESTEN NATIONS. IN THIS SENSE, A JAMAICAN ECONOMIC MIRACLE, APART FROM ITS VALUE TO JAMAICANS THEMSELVES, WOULD BE WORTH MORE TO THE WEST THAN THE ACHIEVEMENTS OF SOUTH KOREA AND TAIWAN. IT IS UPON SUCH CONGRUENCES OF SOVEREIGN INTERESTS THAT ALLIANCES OF MUTUAL RESPECT ARE FOUNDED.

- WHEN MR. SEAGA TALKS TO THE AMERICANS IT WILL BE NEITHER AS A MENDICANT NOR AS A CLIENT, BUT AS A SOVEREIGN PARTNER IN THE PURSUIT OF COMMON INTERESTS. FOR IT IS AS MUCH IN THEIR INTEREST AS IN HIS AND OURS THAT THOSE COMMUNIST GUNS BE SPIKED.
END OF TEXT.
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